

REMARKS

Claims 7-34 are pending in the present application.

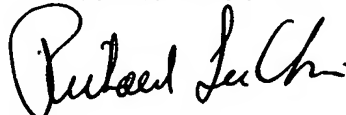
This application is a Division of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/920,954, filed on August 3, 2001, which is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/509,814, filed on April 6, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,376,227, which is a 371 of PCT/JP98/04528, filed October 7, 1998.

The substitute Sequence Listing (submitted herewith) for the instant application is identical to the computer-readable Sequence Listing in parent application Serial No. 09/509,814 filed May 24, 2000. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed on May 24, 2000 is appended herewith as the substitute Sequence Listing. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), Applicants have requested that the Patent Office use the last filed computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. In the event the Office encounters difficulty in obtaining a copy of the Sequence Listing from the parent application, Applicants request that the office contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone.

Applicant submits that the application is now ready for examination on the merits, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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